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Library News

New photocopiers!

IKON has delivered our new photocopiers and we are delighted with them. Please note: these new machines do not take coin or cash; they use only copy cards, and they won't take the copy cards used in the old Xerox machines. If you have an old copy card for the Xerox machines, please contact Caroline Cheng (x6688) in the Law Library for a refund of the unused value of your card. As always, faculty may use a faculty copy card available at the circulation desk.

Visit our new web site!

Over the past several months the Law Library staff has been hard at work converting our web site to the new GGU portal. Our new web address will be <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary>. All content has been converted, and we've added some additional options, such as a downloadable version of our membership brochure and application. Faculty publications have been revised to provide each professor with a separate page. More files are available in .pdf format. Web resources are easier to find and access, and URLs have been updated. The new site will go live at the same time as the Law School site, around the end of April. Until then, please continue to visit the Law Library at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/

The look and feel of our new web site is governed by the options available to us from the Web Committee in ETS. Comments about the content of our web site may be sent to Margaret Arnold at marnold@ggu.edu or to Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu. Comments about the new GGU web site design as a whole may be sent to webmaster@ggu.edu.

Faculty Publications

The Law Library maintains a listing of Faculty Publications, available at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/facpubs.html. New publications are culled from GGU announcements and from the Faculty Notes in *Class Action*. Please check the list and if you would like to add or update your listing, please send an email to Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu. (Please note, we no longer maintain

a list of Committees, Awards, etc. These are included in the regular law school faculty profiles.)

Viruses that lurk in your laptops.

Computer viruses are as common as flies in the air. You catch one; next thing you know, there are two others buzzing in your ear. Annoying, yes. No one likes viruses in their laptops. But if you guard your laptop with an antivirus software and download Windows Update daily, this will help prevent serious virus damage to your laptop.

Check your laptop: do you have an antivirus software installed? If you do, check if the software is properly updating daily. Check if it is scanning your system for viruses daily. Next, check whether Windows Update is downloading daily to your system.

For more information on these checks contact Ben Leung x6613, Victor Wright x6623 or Endora King-Shey (Law Library) x6590.

Law Library Renovation

The Law Library renovation plan has been approved by the Board of Trustees, and planning for the first phase of the library expansion will begin immediately. The first phase includes the remodeling of the plaza courtyard to expand our stacks and seating area. (The student plaza will be moved to the street level.) In addition, both the plaza and basement levels of our existing facility will be renovated as part of the first phase. Changes to these include the addition of compact shelving in the basement to hold all of our bound periodicals, and a new Technology Center on the plaza level. We will keep you posted as work progresses.

Holdings Updates

New Acquisitions

Our listings of recent acquisitions may be found online at: http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/newacq.html

"AALS Law Books Recommended for Libraries"

We have completed an assessment of our holdings of titles recommended by the American Association of Law Schools. Our holdings of titles on these lists are now

searchable in our OPAC by searching on the title, "AALS Law Books Recommended."

We are in the process of supplementing our holdings of the "AALS Law Books Recommended" with the purchase of microfiche sets of the subject listings.

New Online Titles

A number of online books and journals have been added to the collection over the past several months. To see some highlights, check the online catalog (<http://library.ggu.edu/>) for:

- California Research Bureau Reports
- California Legislative History and Intent – Research and Practice Guide
- Virginia Journal of Law & Technology
- Asian-Pacific Law & Policy Journal
- The Environmental Appeals Board practice Manual
- NAFTA Handbook
- Law at War, Vietnam, 1964-73

A Place for Everything, and Everything In Its Place

All current California practice materials are now housed on the plaza level in Open Reserve. Superseded California materials are archived downstairs in room B-2; state publications are kept in B-2 as well. You no longer need to travel between Open Reserve and B-2 to gather all the materials for your current California research!

MCLE Tapes

The Law Library maintains a collection of the most popular continuing education tapes from CEB. Please ask for assistance at the Circulation Desk or Reference Desk.

Gary's Corner

The Law Library is proud to present a series of book reviews by Gary E. Kemp, Continuations Assistant. Gary has published short stories in *Soaring* and *Spectrum* magazines and appeared in the anthology, *New Voices in Fiction and Non-Fiction*. Gary has been reviewing selected books from our Law & Literature collection. His latest reviews are reprinted below.

***The 13th Juror* by John Lescroat**

The 13th juror is a tight, courtroom drama about a well-off, but unhappy woman accused of the murder of her

husband, Dr. Larry Witt and her son, Mathew. As her likeable attorney and the book's narrator, Dismas Hardy has to defend his client's innocence while struggling to find "whodunit" in a tank full of red herrings. Unfortunately for Dismas, Jennifer Witt looks guilty, as motive, means, and opportunity are all but sewn up by the prosecution.

The book takes place in San Francisco, as the trail takes us from Diamond Heights to UCSF (1.7 miles according to the defense) down to the Hall of Justice on 7th and Bryant. It is also the tale of a chronically abused woman and ingrained behavior patterns which starts with an abusive father and continues into two marriages. Despite this, Jennifer Witt does not come off as vulnerable, but rather, cold and distant which makes her defense all the more difficult. Luckily, Dismas is convinced of Jennifer's innocence and goes to great lengths to prove it, as we are led on one wild goose chase after another.

The 13th juror refers to the judge and his ability to override the jury which may give one an idea of the outcome, even so, be prepared for surprises. For those who want a fast paced drama with unforgettable characters, The 13th juror is the book.

***The Advocate's Devil* by Alan Dershowitz**

The Advocate's Devil is the story of a defense attorney, Abe Ringel and his client, Joe Campbell, a pro-basketball star who is accused of date-rape. Dershowitz, the high power attorney of Claus Von Bulow and O.J. Simpson, has written a defense apologia about an attorney who comes to believe in the guilt of his client. The novel moves along at a quick pace and gives us a "behind the scenes" look at the sort of client Dershowitz has defended throughout his career. Campbell is charming and smart and his manipulation of the jury ("Campbell was testifying with out taking the witness stand & he was having a running, silent, private conversation with Ms. Scuba diver, the most important and dangerous member of the jury") bespeaks a case right out of the headlines. With the help of Talmudic advice dispensed by his dying mentor, Ringel manages to maintain the moral high ground in a case that becomes increasingly sleazy. In all, the book ends up telling us more about Dershowitz than anything else, but if only for that, it is worth the read.

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